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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Carving for community

Sharon Klein has been a decorative painter for more than 30 years and a wood carver for 10, but she had never attempted a project the scale of the new "Welcome to Milwaukie" sign that graces Milwaukie's

Riverfront just south of Harrison Street. You certainly wouldn't know that by looking at it.

Sharon says she worked on the project that is adorned with blooming dogwoods and a cluster of cherries for two to three months. She said it was a challenge and was difficult at times, but that overall, she's pleased with how the sign came out.

She's certainly not alone. The sign was commissioned by Milwaukie's Rotary Club and commemorates the organization's 100 years of existence. Siri Bernard is the chapter President, and she thinks the sign turned out beautifully.

"In my opinion it's absolutely wonder-



Sharon has a studio in her home overlooking the Willamette River.

ful," Siri said. "And the fact Sharon donated all of her time and talents to this project for the City and for the Rotary of Milwaukie — we're just so lucky to have someone like her in our community."

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North Main on track

The North Main Street project cleared a number of significant hurdles in the month of October and all signs are pointing to breaking ground at the old Safeway site in Milwaukie's Downtown in May of '05.

In mid-October site and transportation plans for the project were submitted and City Council approved a set of zoning amendments and entered a legally binding agreement that commits both the City and the real estate entity, North Main Street Partners, to terms that lead to the completion of the project. While such progress has been made, citizens have the opportunity to comment on the project when the Planning Commission reviews the plans at its Dec. 14th meeting.

The project consists of five buildings; a large apartment building, three buildings with townhouses/condominiums,

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Street projects make cut

The two grant applications Milwaukie has submitted to Metro for federal transportation dollars have survived the first round of cuts and now the City of Milwaukie is asking residents to show their support so funding might be obtained.

Metro has set aside \$42 million under the 2006-2009 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), and the more public support an application can garner, the greater the likelihood Milwaukie can get a cut of that money.

One of the applications is for \$500,000 and focuses on pedestrian sidewalks and streetscape improvements to parts of Main and Harrison Streets in Downtown. The other is for \$2.1 million and covers improvements on Lake Road from 21st Avenue to Kuehn Road. Both would improve safety, connectivity and the visual aesthetics of the City. If funding were acquired,

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Want to get rid of your leaves?

The City of Milwaukie is offering a number of opportunities for residents to get rid of their leaves.

The service is free, but the City asks that citizens bag their leaves in paper or plastic. Residents will be asked to dump their leaves, and then throw their bags away separately — trash cans will be on hand.

If citizens bring their leaves in the back

of a truck or trailer, they'll be responsible for pitching the load into the drop-box.

If you have any questions, call (503) 786-7503. Here are the dates:

- Nov. 13th - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Public Works Shop - 40th & Harvey
- Nov 20th - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Linwood Elementary School (11909 SE Linwood)
- Dec. 11th - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Milwaukie Lutheran Church (3810 SE Lake) ☐

Decisions based on values

To contact Councilor Susan Stone, call (503) 786-7512 or send an email to stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



As your City Councilor, I am duty bound to not only listen to your concerns but to act upon them.

Too often it seems as if politicians listen and opt to do what they think is best for you even though it may not be in concert with what many taxpaying citizens would like to see happen. I realize that there will always be contentious issues that arise that will have oppos-

ing points-of-view. The responsibility of your policy makers is to siphon out the facts from opinions on such issues, examine them thoroughly and make a decision based on a thoughtful and deliberative process of complete and comprehensive review of the evidence presented while upholding community values.

Leadership at its finest is based upon the purposeful enactment of the principles of our Core Values. These values, woven through our Mission Statement, Community Goals, our Comprehensive Plan and our Downtown and Riverfront Land Use Framework Plan should be embraced and form the structure and substance from whence our actions and decisions arise. They serve as our compass to guide us through the sometimes gale force political storms that blow our way and seem always to be lurking on the horizon.

These documents and philosophical statements should be utilized, not undermined and rewritten, to protect precious land and waterways from the assault of urban progress.

When faced with a decision that compromises my personal value system, I choose to stand up for what I believe rather than disregard and dishonor my values. I apply a similar approach in my role as a politician. I honor the process of fair and equal public debate and political deliberation and decision **so long as** we stick to the facts, examine and exhaust every angle and possible solution and uphold our values through written documents that have been created to help us navigate a course guiding us toward a plan everyone can embrace.

Decisions fundamentally based on core values as well as process outcome will be those that foster collaboration and ultimately lead our community toward healing and peace. ■

City building ties to its business community

In an effort to build relationships and increase understanding between the public and private sectors, the City of Milwaukie has developed the Economic Development Advisory Committee, a body comprised of local business leaders that will help the City strengthen its abilities to support and grow its industrial and commercial base.

The committee began meeting in September and will continue to meet on a monthly basis through January, at which time the body will deliver a set of recommendations to the City Council.

The primary focuses are to increase communication between the business community and the local government, learn ways the City can best support existing businesses, and learn how the City might be able to lure others to join our community.

An idea generated from the first meeting was to include a monthly article in this publication about a local business so more familiarity is gained between both the citizens and the businesses that call Milwaukie their home.

Next month *The Pilot* will profile Portland Mechanical Contractor Inc., a great success story in that the owner, Mark Hettervig grew up in Milwaukie, and in that he brought his company to the Hannah Building, a huge warehouse in the North Industrial area that had been vacant for five years. ■

Don't forget your permits

Like all investments, your home requires attention and maintenance to protect or enhance its value.

Two ways to protect your investment are to obtain permits and employ licensed contractors.

The law allows homeowners to do any work on their own property, but does not exempt them from permits. Most small projects are within the capabilities of the average homeowner, but if you don't feel confident or just don't have the time, be sure to use a licensed professional to do the work for you.

And be sure to obtain a permit. New disclosure laws require you to state if any work on your home was done without a permit and could delay or derail a potential sale or refinance.

To find if your contractor is licensed, go to the Oregon Building Codes Division website; www.oregonbcd.org. There you will find a link to the Construction Contractors Board as well as the Tri-Counties Permits Protect website, an excellent information source. ■

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Sharon said she decided to donate her time as a way of giving back to the community.

"My husband and I have been involved with the City for a long time," Sharon said. "I just thought this would be a good way to give something back."

Many certainly would agree. ■

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and one featuring a pair of "Granny Flat" apartments.

Those interested in seeing site drawings can view them at Wind Horse Cafe in Downtown or at the Ledding Library.

Those interested in rental or purchase information can call Project Manager Jeff King at (503) 786-7609. ■

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work could begin on both projects in 2006. The City has developed a number of ways citizens can show their support in an extremely quick and easy fashion.

To learn more about these projects and how you can show your support, please call Project Manager Jeff King at (503) 786-7608. ■

Winter Solstice event set!

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Winter Solstice event set for Saturday, Dec. 18th at the Milwaukie Riverfront near the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp.

Like in previous years, residents of all ages will gather on the Willamette's banks at nightfall to view the Christmas Ships, sing holiday carols, warm by the bonfire and drink toasty libations.

Those interested in more details or even lending a helping hand, please call Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

Water tower reinforced

Throughout the fall and early winter crews will be adding bracing to reinforce the 1.5 million gallon capacity water tower that's located in the park near 40th Avenue and Harvey Street in order to meet new seismic standards.

The project is behind schedule so crews will be working 10 hour days from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and sometimes on the weekends to complete the project by year's end.

The park will remain open while work is being done. If you have any questions, please call (503) 786-7616.

Neighborhoods chip in for roof

A simple conversation between a Neighborhood Association leader and the curator for the Milwaukie Museum led to the installation of a new roof on the museum—an effort entirely funded by Neighborhood Grant monies.

It's a prime example of how the Neighborhood Grant Program is intended to operate. Former Mayor Bill Hupp and resident of the Historic Milwaukie asked his Neighborhood Association to supply some of its grant money to help the Museum.

Ed Zumwalt, Chair of the Neighborhood, contacted Madalaine Bohl at the museum and asked if she needed any help. Upon learning the Museum's need, the City's

Neighborhood's pooled their resources and funded the project. The grant requires a match, which was met by the hundreds of volunteer hours it takes to operate the museum.

If you have an idea for a grant contact your Neighborhood Association or call (503) 786-7568.



School supply drive a success

In August the City of Milwaukie began a school supply drive to provide the North Clackamas School District's less fortunate students the simple tools they need to focus on their studies.

By all accounts, the drive has been a great success, so the City is going to keep it going a little longer. Those interested can drop by a number of City facilities during business hours, see the list below, to drop off #2 pencils, children's scissors,

rulers, markers, glue, lined paper, spiral notebooks, highlighters, and backpacks.

If you have any questions contact Jeanne Garst, Office Supervisor, at (503) 786-7655.

Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.

Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.

Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison

Johnson Creek Facility, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

The City Code Corner

Our City's Code Compliance officers are observing more and more commercial vehicles parked on residential streets.

Milwaukie's Municipal Code outlaws this practice for a couple of reasons.

First of all the City wants to retain the residential feel of its Neighborhoods. Secondly, large commercial vehicles like tow trucks, big box delivery trucks, semi trucks, large flatbed and stake-side trucks create vision obstructions for motorists at intersections and for those trying to pull out of their driveways. On narrow streets these large vehicles create emergency response access issues.

The code prohibits vehicles that weigh more than a ton and a half to be parked on residential streets. If you see a truck you think might not belong in your Neighborhood, give the Code Compliance office a call at (503) 786-7545.

Street project on hold

The design of improvements planned for 42nd Ave. from Johnson Creek Boulevard to Olsen Street have been delayed.

Although the design will be completed later this fall, construction will start the following spring/summer to avoid inclement weather.

The improvements will include new curb, sidewalk, and storm drainage facilities. The project will cost \$350,000, \$200,000 of which will be covered by a ODOT Bike/Pedestrian Grant. The remainder of the project will be covered with funding from the City's Street and Storm budgets.

Staff will present draft plans at an open house this November. The tentative project schedule follows:

Design: August - December 2004

Public Open House: Nov. 17th, 2004; 6-8 p.m.; Ardenwald Elem.

Utility Pole Relocation: January 2005 - March 2005

Construction: May-July 2005

Please contact Project Manager, Brion Barnett, by email: barnettb@ci.milwaukie.or.us, or by phone at (503) 786-7608 with any questions.



AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: November 8th, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

We had a good turn out at our October meeting and the topics were traffic, housing development, neighbors and their yards.

We have decided to invite someone from Code Enforcement to address yards and code concerns and someone from the Planning Department to address the housing and lot division issues. We hope to have them at our November meeting. The meeting will be at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building in the Community Meeting Room.

Homewood Park development is now entering the next phase. This phase will focus on the Garrett Street side of the

park. This will include the final part of the trail construction as well as the removal of some old trees, replacing them with new trees and planting grass. There will be some community work parties coming up soon to help plant plants and pull ivy. Stay tuned for more information.

Traffic is a big issue in our Neighborhood with the construction of the new Safeway store at 42nd and King Road. Please be careful, slow down, and watch out for kids and other people walking and biking in the Neighborhood. Do not hesitate to report speeders to the police. It is your Neighborhood and you need to be involved to help protect it.

If you have topics for the next neighborhood meeting, drop me an email. My contact information is on the last page.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Carlotta Collette, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: November 9th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elementary

My good friend and next door neighbor Lillie Moore died in Mid-October.

Maybe the death of a neighbor isn't "news" in a big city. But in Milwaukie, the loss of a woman like Lillie, who taught in our schools, was active in her church, worked hard every day in big and small ways to build a better community for all of us, that loss is news. Sad news.

I knew Lillie for the past 12 years, the years I lived next door to her.

Among a long list of things she did for us was her monthly phone tree calling

with a reminder of Neighborhood Association meetings. She called me a day or so before every second Tuesday for about seven years before I finally went to a meeting.

She could always be counted on when you needed a volunteer, whether it was for our summer reading program or a political campaign. She would be there, ready to pitch in. I honestly don't know the half of what she did for Milwaukie.

I hope those of you who know more will tell me. I would love to share Lillie stories.



Lillie Moore was an active resident in Milwaukie and the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association for more than 50 years.

LAKE ROAD

Written by Bob Moore, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: November 10th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Clackamas ESD

Fall meetings are the best time to set the goals for events and activities for the coming year.

Among the ideas discussed at our October meeting were planting flowers at our newly adopted Century Park and how we might participate with the park's maintenance.

Naturally, a few questions were asked

as to where our sign is and why it hasn't been installed. I take responsibility for this, and we'll begin working with City officials to determine the exact location. Then we'll set the foundation, install the pillars, and hold a sign placement ceremony.

Other goals would be additional sign placements, a new and improved half court basketball court at Century Park, and a closer look at reaching more neighbors for attending our meetings.

A safety report was given at our last meeting with concerns regarding gangs,

traffic and management of future annexations to the City. Carlotta Collette, who's running for City Council, visited with us and discussed her aspirations for the City.

The proposed site of the Transit Center is a special interest to our Neighborhood and our Neighborhood Association will help manage the change and impact the outcome.

Now is either the time to participate in generating the guidelines for this transformation or to be silent and bow to this project's progress.



AROUND TOWN

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 18th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

Whether it was the pizza or the new sandwich-board sign, we had a few new attendees at our October meeting, and hope the promise of pizza will draw more of you out on Nov 18th, which is likely to be our last meeting this year.

We are planning to have a holiday party in lieu of our December meeting, and if anyone would like to help with that event, please contact me.

Among a long list of issues (including deciding to stick with our current meeting date/time), we had a lengthy discussion of how to encourage better care and tending of some proper-

ties in Island Station. Most residents show a lot of pride in their home, taking good care of the home and yard. There are more than a handful of properties, however, that could justifiably be labeled as eyesores, and our discussion focused on how to encourage improvements where needed and recognize those who go the extra mile in keeping their places attractive. This discussion will likely continue in future meetings.

Some of the eyesores, though, are turning around, and worth special attention are two properties on Sparrow Street which were recently purchased and revitalized by Kristina Poppemeier, owner of Amadeus Restaurant. Kudos to Kristina for helping spruce up Island Station!

As always, there's lots more news to share than fits this space – if you'd like to be on our e-mail distribution list, call me at (503) 353-1825 or drop me a line at lisabatey@prodigy.net.

LINWOOD

Written by **Dolly Macken Hambright**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **To be announced**

Where: **Monroe St. Pocket Park**

We had a presentation from Water Environment Services regarding the proposed changes for the region's sewage and waste water treatment as stated under the Clearwater Project.

There are some very viable options, of which the most appealing seems to be

the removal of our Kellogg Treatment Plant, both for future costs and to better enable meeting water quality standards.

For more information see www.oaklodgesanitary.com or www.co.clackamas.or.us/wes/wwwtos.htm.

Our group voted to reallocate the grant funds we have been holding for adding trees to Stanley Park, in favor of planting some trees at Monroe Street Pocket Park.

We have sent the balance of our grant

funds allocated for the Milwaukie Museum roof and the roof is done. Stop in and visit the Museum on weekends.

Our November meeting will be held at Monroe St. Pocket Park where we will be planting trees and having a pot luck. Date and time will be announced, look for a sign on the fence at the park or call Wanda Drendel (503) 654-3065 after the first of the month.

We will decide December's meeting date at our next meeting, please attend.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **November 8th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

The little group huddled solemnly beside beautiful Kellogg Lake, each trying in his own way to deal with the devastating news.

Finally, a small pathetic voice broke the gloomy silence. It was Oliver the Owl, the spotted one. "Why would they take our

home? Ophelia and I have always nested here – doesn't the Endangered Species Act mean anything anymore?"

Bald Barney, the Magnificent Eagle, got right to the point. "I thought they were trying to protect me, but now I'm treated like a mere sparrow. I'm the symbol of this great nation, and I don't see how the bureaucrats can ignore their own citizens' wishes. It must be greed."

"What about Metro?" piped up Howard Heron. "They're always talking about the sanctity of green spaces, and

now this. They'll build 20-story condos on the Riverfront next. None of them can be trusted."

"I'm going to run for City Council. Some changes must be made – we can't let them get away with this!" shouted Sammy Skunk.

"No, you of all people can't run," said Barney. "It would create confusion if you won, and comparisons would be made that would be both obvious and odious. We'll have to think of something different." – To be continued.

LEWELLING

Written by **Amy Hough**, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **November 4th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

We had an excellent turnout at our October meeting – we had over 20 members in attendance! It's very exciting to have such a diverse group of residents show interest in our school and Neighborhood. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Thank you Sergeant Hipes of the Milwaukie Police Department for dropping by our meeting to stress the importance of reporting vandalism and graffiti.


Carlotta Collette, running for City Council, spoke with our

group about what she would like to see in the upcoming years.

Mike Stacey was unable to attend, although he did ask our Neighborhood Chair, Jeff Klein, to read a statement he prepared for the meeting on his behalf. Good luck to both!

Upcoming topics for November meeting:

What can we do to help our school? We had a few really good ideas last month, and would like to make those thoughts materialize. **Holiday lights display** – thoughts of having another tour through the Neighborhood is a great possibility. We've had an excellent response in the past. **Of course there are always updates on the park.** We are extending a warm welcome to anyone who may have a concern, question or new idea to share.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) 6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH)	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elementary)		Saturday Music Program Ledding Library 2-3 p.m. Admission is free Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Cleanup Gather at the Cemetery's gate on 17 th Avenue 9 a.m. to noon
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	7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building)	6:30pm Planning Commission(MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/ Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary)	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD)	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Monroe Street Porcket Park)	10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	13
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14	15	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)		6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		20
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21	22	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 7:00pm Parks and Recreation Board (MCH)	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				CITY OF  MILWAUKIE

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building **NEW!**
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
 email: dlasch@comcast.net

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange
 Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825
 email: lisabatey@prodigy.net

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
 6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays
 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary
 Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639

LINWOOD *Special date and time ... see page 5 for details!*
 Meetings held on second Thursdays
 7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambright, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,
 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,
 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being
 rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable
 Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any
 questions or suggestions you might have.
 Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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